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SUBJ: KOREA AT 32ND UNGA: MINISTER PAK'S CONVERSATION WITH
FOMIN PEACOCK

SUMMARY: ROK FOREIGN MINISTER PAK PLANS SERIES OF MEETINGS
WITH DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY AT UN, INCLUDING LUCHEON FOR
CORE GROUP MARCH 18. IN MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER
PEACOCK IN AUSTRALIA, PAK INDICATED INTEREST IN DEALING
WITH KOREAN PROBLEM IN SECURITY COUNCIL RATHER THAN IN
UNGA. WE HAVE NOT HEARD THIS SUGGESTION HERE, BUT
MINISTER MAY INTEND TO RAISE IT IN WASHINGTON OR NEW
YORK. END SUMMARY

1. MOFA UNITED NATIONS DIVISION OFFICIAL PAN KI-MUN
INFORMED EMBOFF MARCH 3 THAT FOREIGN MINISTER PAK TONG-CHIN
PLANS EXTENSIVE DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY AT U.N. IN NEW
YORK FOLLOWING HIS VISIT TO MEXICO. PAK'S TENTATIVE
SCHEDULE THERE IS AS FOLLOWS:

MARCH 18: HOST LUNCH FOR CORE GROUP U.N. AMBASSADOR PLUS
FRENCH AND AUSTRALIAN AMBASSAODRS.

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MARCH 21: NOON- HOST LUNCH FOR ABOUT 25 AMBASSADORS FROM
FRIENDLY AND NON-ALIGNED NATIONS.
AFTERNOON - SPEAK BEFORE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS ON KOREAN
FOREIGN POLICY.

MARCH 22: MORN - COURTESY CALL ON SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM.
NOON: HOST LUNCH FOR ANTOEHR 25 FRIENDLY AND NON-ALIGNED

AMBASSADOR.

MARCH 23: DEPART FOR KOREA

2. PAN DENIED PAK GOES TO NEW YORK WITH ANY SPECIFIC INTENT BEYOND MEETING DIPLOMATS, BUT ADDS THAT, OF COURSE, HE WILL RESPOND TO INQUIRIES.

3. PAN EXPLAINED FRENCH AND AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADORS' INCLUSION IN CORE GROUP LUNCH IN TERMS OF THEIR INFLUENCE AND PAST COOPERATION. HE ALSO ADDED THAT MINISTER PAK'S RECENT MEETING WITH AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREW PEACOCK IN CANBERRA HAD GONE VERY WELL, BUT DID NOT PROVIDE DETAILS.

4. PETER HUTTLEY OF AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY HERE INFORMED US MARCH 3 THAT FOREIGN MINISTER PAK TONG CHIN IN CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PEACOCK IN CANBERRA HAD INDICATED THAT ROKG WILL NOT PRESS AUSTRALIA TO JOIN CORE GROUP THIS YEAR, PREFERRING INSTEAD THAT AUSSIES WORK ON KOREAN PROBLEM FROM UNCOMMITTED VANTAGE POINT. HUTTLEY ALSO SAID PAK INDICATED ROKG WOULD PREFER TO DEAL WITH KOREAN QUESTION IN SECURITY COUNCIL THIS YEAR RATHER THAN IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HUTTLEY SAID THAT IT APPEARED THAT PAK WAS FLOATING A TRIAL BALLOON WITH THE GOAL TO SEE WHAT THE REACTION TO SUCH AN APPROACH MIGHT BE. WE HAVE NOT HEARD OF SUCH A PROPOSAL HERE AND HAVE NOT DETAILS. DEPARTMENT OR USUN MAY WISH TO BE ON THE ALERT FOR SIMILAR SALLY FROM PAK EITHER
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IN WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK DURING MEETINGS WITH CORE GROUP MEMBERS.
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